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VERY LEAST UNWITTING INFORMANTS, BRITISH WERE FIRST TO DROP THIS THEORY AND FRENCH SOME YEARS LATER. (HERDER MADE NO MENTION OF US POSITION.) IN PURSUIT OF GEHLEN THEORY, HIS ORGANIZATION ACTIVELY COLLECTED INFO ON KAISER, LEMMER AND MANY OTHER POLITICIANS, INTELLECTUALS AND BUREAUCRATS. HERDER HIMSELF, AS CE AIDE TO GEHLEN, PERSONALLY SPENT SEVERAL YEARS STUDYING NAZI AND POSTWAR FILES ON ROTE KAPELLE AND ANTI-NAZI RESISTANCE (INCLUDING GISEVIUS, VON SCHLABRENDORFF, ETC) AND CAME TO CONVICTION THAT SOVIET APPARATUS IN NAZI GERMANY WAS FAR FROM EFFECTIVE, ENJOYED LITTLE REGARD IN MOSCOW, AND THAT ITS INFORMANTS IN GERMAN RESISTANCE CIRCLES AMOUNTED TO A HANDFUL OF PERIPHERAL FIGURES, MOST IF NOT ALL UNWITTING. HERDER WAS UNABLE, HOWEVER, TO PERSUADE GEHLEN OF VALIDITY OF HIS FINDINGS, ALTHOUGH THE WESTERN SERVICES HAD LONG COME TO SAME CONCLUSION.

3. AFTER ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FRG, GEHLEN CONTINUED TO HAVE HIS ORGANIZATION ACTIVELY GATHER INFO ON FRG PUBLIC FIGURES UNTIL ABOUT 1956. SOMETIME IN THE 1950'S, STATE SECURITY HANS GLOBKE VISITED PULLACH, SCANNED THE DOSSIERS ON FRG PUBLIC FIGURES (INCIDENTALLY REMOVING HIS OWN FILE), AND

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ORDERED GEHLEN TO SEQUESTER ALL THE DOSSIERS IN HIS OWN  
VILLA AT PULLACH HQS.

4. THE OTTO JOHN DEFECTON STRENGTHENED GEHLEN'S  
CONVICTION THAT THE ANTI-NAZI RESISTANCE FIGURES  
HAD BEEN SOVIET AGENTS, AND SINCE JOHN'S DEFECTON CAUSED  
THE BFM TO BE DISCREDITED AND IN A SHAMBLES, THE GEHLEN  
ORGANIZATION WAS THE ONLY FRG SERVICE ACTIVE IN THE INTEL  
FIELD, EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL, FOR SOME TIME. HOWEVER, AS  
THE BFM REORGANIZED IT SLOWLY REASSUMED AUTHORITY OVER  
INTERNAL SECURITY, AND BND DOMESTIC COLLECTION GRADUALLY  
BECAME THE EXCLUSIVE PERSONAL PRESERVE OF GEHLEN, WITH  
A VERY FEW PRIVATE SOURCES OF THE GENERAL STILL CONTRIBUTING  
TO DOSSIERS IN HIS VILLA. WHEN WESSEL TOOK OVER THE BND,  
HE EXPRESSED NO INTEREST IN DOMESTIC COLLECTION BUT TOOK NO  
POSITIVE STEPS TO BAN COLLECTION, ESPECIALLY SINCE IT HAD  
SLOWED TO AN IMPERCEPTIBLE AND LARGELY INCIDENTAL DRIBBLE.  
ALSO, WESSEL DID NOT ORDER DESTRUCTION OF THE DOSSIERS,  
AND THIS, ACCORDING TO HERDER, WAS THE BIGGEST MISTAKE OF  
WESSEL'S CAREER AND COULD BRING HIM DOWN.

5. WHEN ASKED ABOUT PRESS ALLEGATIONS THAT EVEN IN THE

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LATE 1960'S THE BND WAS COLLECTING INFO ON HERBERT WEHNER, HERDER REPLIED THAT WEHNER AND EGON BAHR WERE AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT CATEGORY. HERDER MADE NO FURTHER COMMENT ON BAHR, BUT SAID THAT BECAUSE OF WEHNER'S COMMUNIST PAST, THE POSSIBILITY THAT HE WAS STILL A SOVIET AGENT COULD NOT BE COMPLETELY DISCARDED. HIS DOSSIER IS THEREFORE AN ACTIVE ONE.

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